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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 11-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 11-18 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11, and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lancelot et al (US 006026086A) in view of Hamamoto et al (US 6,038,233).

Regarding claims 11, 15 and 16 Lancelot discloses a communication network (Fig. 1) comprising a plurality of secondary nodes (110) being coupled to at least one primary node (105), the secondary nodes comprising:

-a transmitter (Figs. 1 and 6) for transmitting packets from the secondary nodes 500 to the primary node 510 according to predetermined transmission properties (col 5 lines 25-33, QoS as a predetermined transmission property); a first address translator 505 (Fig. 6) for translating initial address information carried by packets received from at least one terminal device 500 into address information. Lancelot further discloses a second address translator in the primary station 518 for translating the address information back into the initial address information (Fig. 6; col 11 lines 6-27).

Lancelot fails to disclose a packet carrying the predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting associated packets.

Hamamoto discloses a packet carrying the predetermined transmission properties (col 1 lines 35-37). Providing a Qos field within the transmitted packet provides for a consistent level of communication services between devices of interest.

Thus it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Hamamoto within Lancelot so as to improve network performance by providing consistent communication level of service between differing networks as appropriate.

Regarding claim 13, Lancelot discloses wherein the primary node comprises the second address translator (see Fig. 6, reference 518).

Regarding claim 14, Lancelot discloses network comprising cross connect for passing packets from the secondary nodes to an outside network, wherein the second address translator is arranged for translating the address information before the packets are applied to the cross connect. (see Fig. 1, reference 125, OMB, col 3 lines 35-45, OMB provides an provisioning functionality between networks such as packet switched and circuit switched, however, the address translation is performed only at the primary and secondary nodes even before they are applied to the OMB).

Regarding claim 17, Lancelot discloses second address translator 518 (Fig. 6) translates the address information back into the initial address information present in the packets received by the secondary nodes from the at least one terminal device (col 11 lines 6-27).

Regarding claim 18, Lancelot discloses wherein the predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting the associated packets include a quality of service (col 5 lines 25-33).

Claim 12, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lancelot et al (US 006026086A) in view of Aramaki (USP 5,483,521).

Lancelot fails to disclose a selector for selecting packets according to address information in their headers.

Aramaki discloses a selector 105b (Fig. 1) for selecting packets according to address information in their headers (col 5 lines 15-26). Transmitting packets to destinations based on their header information allows for cell sequencing without necessary time stamping of packets. Thus it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Aramaki within Lancelot so as to improve network performance by grouping packets based on their header information so as to allow for quick reassembly without the need to for time stamping of packets.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 11-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Examiner has corrected typographical errors and inadvertent emission of claim 12 which has now been properly addressed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj K. Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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